

LONDON IN DEEP SUSPENSE

General Gatacre's Silence Interpreted as Meaning Defeat.

His Last Despatch Says He Has Engaged the Enemy—Bloemfontein Not Yet Cut Off, But Is in Great Danger—Roberts' Apparent Inactivity Severely Criticized at Home.

LONDON, April 9.—The situation in South Africa is far from reassuring, and the feeling here is one of intense anxiety. Gen. Gatacre, sent out by Gen. Roberts to recapture nearly 600 prisoners now with the Boers, not only reports that he has been unable to find a trace of the missing, but that the enemy has taken and now occupies Reddersburg. His latest despatch says he has engaged a large force of Boers; his silence since then is interpreted as another reverse.

Bloemfontein is not cut off, as was thought on Friday night to be the case, but the despatches from the Free State capital seem to indicate that communication will cease soon unless a move is made, early movement in force by Lord Roberts.

Though no further heavy loss has been reported, small skirmishes have resulted almost invariably in the Boers' favor, especially near Springfield and Rouville. It seems clear that the Free State in all directions are rejoining their commanders, being encouraged by success and also in part coerced by threats of the commandants.

Roberts apparently remains paralyzed and his difficulties are increasing daily in getting supplies and much-needed horses through the south. The effect of last week's events is already noticeable, for the continental press is indulging in scathing criticism of British generalship. Even Lord Roberts is not exempting entirely.

It is expected that the Boers will now resume activity in Natal, where the news of late has been exceedingly scanty.

MOUNTS FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS.

Fresh Cavalry and Infantry Horses Arrive at Bloemfontein.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 7.—A large number of mounts for the cavalry and mounted infantry have arrived here. Seven hundred of the horses came by way of Norval's Post and were eight days making the trip. They were escorted by burars and the animals grazed on the veldt. They are in good condition. General Roberts will inspect them tomorrow.

Some Boers fired a few ineffective shots at the burars, who were leaving north with the horses Wednesday.

The Ninth Division, General Colville's, went southeast to Rietfontein yesterday, having been reported that a conference of Boer leaders would be held there. The Boers learned of the advance of the British and the meeting was abandoned. The British force was the retreating Boers. The Field Artillery threw several shells into the enemy's column, but with what effect is not known, as the Boers succeeded in effecting their escape.

SHELLED THE BOER TRENCHES.

The Burgers' Attacks on British Positions Temporarily Quietened.

WARRANTON, Cape Colony, April 6.—The Boer trenches at Fourteen Streams were shelled yesterday. The Boers took refuge in the bush. Their fire on the Fort Picket was temporarily silenced, but it was impossible to shell them.

HORSES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Delivery of Fifty Thousand Said to Be Sought.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Reports have been in circulation during the past few days that an agent for the British Government will sign a contract this week for the delivery of 50,000 horses in South Africa by July 1. It was said that a firm of well-known dealers will provide the animals and they are already preparing to collect the great number required.

THE PRINCE IN COPENHAGEN.

He Still Receives Many Telegrams of Congratulations.

COPENHAGEN, April 9.—The Prince of Wales, who is visiting his father-in-law, King Christian, is still deluged with telegrams congratulating him on his escape from the would-be assassin's outfit at Brussels, while journeying hither.

SENDING FOR TROOPS.

The British Governor of Ashanti Asks for Military Aid.

ACRA, April 9.—A message has been received here from General Sir Frederic Hodgson, at Comossie, asking that troops be sent. He says he is trying to settle the tribal troubles. The tribes are holding a conference on the matter.

ATTAINING HIS MAJORITY.

Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm Will Soon Be of Age.

BERLIN, April 9.—The Emperor, Francis Joseph, will go to Berlin in May on the occasion of his grandson, the Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, attaining his majority. He will be accompanied by Count Goltz.

Arrested for a Rebel.

CAPE TOWN, April 8.—William Sauer, a brother of the Cape Minister of Railways, has been arrested in the Barkly East district on the charge of being a rebel.

Roberts Loses Many Horses.

MANCHESTER, April 9.—The correspondent of the "Guardian" at Bloemfontein states that since General French's relief of Kimberley Lord Roberts has lost 11,000 horses.

Stephen Crane Much Better.

LONDON, April 9.—There is considerable improvement in the condition of Mr. Stephen Crane, the author.

Lowest Lumber Prices Always at

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MARTIAL LAW IN SAN JUAN.

Rioting in Porto Rico Necessitates Military Interference.

The War Department today received the following cablegram from Governor General Davis, of Porto Rico:

"San Juan de Porto Rico, April 8, 1900.—San Juan, April 8, 1900.—The civil disorder here is beyond the control of the municipal police, thereby forcing the use of troops to preserve order. Have placed an officer of the Army in charge of police at San Juan.

"The trouble has been principally caused by the assaults of natives upon resident negroes from neighboring English islands. One native and one British subject killed."

BRADLEY TO BE REWARDED.

Nominally Republicans to Nominate Him for Representative.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 9.—As a reward for former Governor Bradley, the Louisville Republicans will nominate him for the House of Representatives in this, the Fifth district, although he is a resident of the Eighth Congressional district. The Republican leaders have decided on this as the best plan to harmonize the party in Louisville and to make Bradley the party leader in Kentucky.

Former Representative William Owens, who defeated Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, is also after the Republican nomination for Representative in Louisville. Owens will move here to practice law.

Bids for part of the \$100,000 Goebel reward fund are coming in fast and in the past week three witnesses have made attempts to secure part of the fund. One of these men was William Thawley, of Louisville. The latter was arrested and is now in the hands of the authorities. The accused Republicans say they have evidence to prove that testimony has been bought by the Treasurer of the Goebel fund.

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ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Davison City's Record for a Single Day.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, April 9.—An epidemic of suicide seems to have struck Davison on March 27, for, by curious coincidence, on that date there were three attempts at self-destruction. The first case in each case being drink. The first was Corp. N. W. Watson, of the Yukon Field Force, who shot himself through the hip, but will recover. Eddie Dolan, a variety performer, well known all along the coast, who has a flesh wound in his breast, but will recover. The second case in each case being drink. The first was Corp. N. W. Watson, of the Yukon Field Force, who shot himself through the hip, but will recover. Eddie Dolan, a variety performer, well known all along the coast, who has a flesh wound in his breast, but will recover.

READY TO BET ON DEWEY.

New York Spectators Have Faith in His Winning if Nominated.

NEW YORK, April 9.—The "Herald" today says:

"Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the Presidential nomination has brought anti-convention betting to a standstill, not from the standpoint of individual sentiment, but purely from a business point of view. He is not making any propositions or odds on any of those who have been named as likely candidates.

SENTENCED FOR GAMBLING.

A Negro Cripple Fined Fifteen Dollars in the Police Court.

George Richardson, a colored cripple, who has long been a familiar object of charity in the streets, was this morning sentenced to fifteen days in jail for permitting gambling on his premises. Richardson entered a plea of guilty and represented to the court that the total amount of money in the game being played was \$25. He stated that he was charged with gambling for a case of "easy come, easy go." The judge, on a man begging and soliciting sympathy and aid because he is a cripple and then gambling away what he has begged, fined him \$15 and a sentence of fifteen days in jail were imposed.

CAPTAIN OSTHEIM DEAD.

Found in His Room With a Bullet Hole in His Head.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Capt. Louis Ostheim, First United States Artillery, was found dead in his room at the Auditorium Annex Hotel last night. There was a bullet wound in his right temple. Under his body was a new revolver. Life apparently had been extinct since Saturday night. Captain Ostheim and Mrs. Eva Bruce Wood were to be married today.

A Verdict for Captain Randall.

The suit of Joseph Wunder against R. S. Randall for alleged personal injuries at River View in July last was heard before Justice of the Peace Strider and a jury Saturday afternoon, and a verdict rendered in favor of the defendant. Wunder asked \$500 damages.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co.

Delightful trips daily at 2:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7.

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WILL NOT TALK POLITICS

Admiral Dewey's Declaration Regarding His Chicago Visit.

He Tells the Delegation Representing the Invitation Committee That He Will Go in His Official Capacity and Not as a Politician—Moving to His New Home at Beauvoir.

W. B. Conkey and J. M. Glenn, representing the Chicago committee inviting Admiral Dewey to visit that city, called at the Dewey residence this morning to talk over the arrangements. They found the Admiral busy superintending the work of removing the family belongings to the Admiral's summer home, Beauvoir, in Woodley Park, but were graciously received and talked with the Admiral for more than an hour.

It was decided that the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will leave Washington on April 29 in a special train of four coaches furnished by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. The Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will occupy President Cowen's private car. They will reach Chicago on the afternoon of April 30, and will leave for Jacksonville, Fla., on the morning of May 1. The Admiral stated that he had no request to make in connection with the program at Chicago, except that the celebration be made as easy for him as possible.

The big event in Chicago will be the naval ball in the Auditorium on the night of April 29. The House of Representatives and the quorum of local politicians who are expected to be present for the convention to be held here in June, broken promises and bad faith have caused bitter words and it is said that if the members of the National Committee had known one month ago what is only too apparent to them now, the convention would never have come to Philadelphia. Nominally, it is a question of money, but the trouble has its source in Quay's ineffectual efforts to get his seat in the United States Senate.

The finance committee proposes to hold back the remaining \$25,000 of the \$100,000 guarantee to pay for the expenses of attending the Convention Hall. This meets with vigorous opposition from the National Committee. Senator Hanna demands the money. The finance committee pays no attention to him. It appears to be determined that no further portion of the guarantee fund shall be paid to Hanna until the cost of remodeling the auditorium is paid. It is unlikely that the bill will be passed by the convention movement will be deducted from the promised fund.

The local committee members are surprised they say, Hanna cannot see the fairness of this course. They regret that the fact that the \$100,000 fund made by the young Republicans and the Trades League has been completely exhausted. Hanna's reply to this is that the promise was made by Philadelphia, and that it is not binding upon the present committee. Hanna's reply to this is that the promise was made by Philadelphia, and that it is not binding upon the present committee.

GOSSIP IN COLUMBUS.

The Administration Forewarned of Admiral Dewey's Candidacy.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 9.—Gossip and rumors have had such a merry time of it this week, making Mrs. Dewey the subject of much talk. It is said that the President and his cabinet have been forewarned of the Admiral's candidacy, and that they have been endeavoring to secure his nomination as far as possible. The town house, presented to Admiral Dewey by popular subscription, will be open for several weeks longer.

Considerable interest has been created among Mrs. Dewey's friends by the announcement that she was to become a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Admiral Dewey declined to discuss the subject this morning, saying it was a matter for Mrs. Dewey to decide for herself. Mrs. Dewey gave up her pew at Father Martin's church the first of the year and has not attended any church since then. Mrs. Dewey declines to say anyone today. The report is generally credited.

A YOUNG VETERAN SUICIDES.

Ill-Health Makes a Former Soldier Despondent.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Taylor C. W. d., a veteran of the war in the Philippines, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in a room at the Erie Hotel, Dearborn Avenue and Erie Streets, last night.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL BACON.

The Interment Tomorrow in Congressional Cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of Gen. Peter A. B. Bacon will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Garfield Memorial Hospital, which will be held Tuesday at 1 o'clock at the residence, 236 Indiana Avenue, Rev. Richard P. Williams, of Trinity Episcopal Church, will conduct the ceremony. There will be no address.

Man's Will Roll for Life.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 9.—Stumbling as he ran over the ties in the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge last evening, Charles Voll, fell, half stunned, across the rail, where he lay until the wheels of the locomotive were within a foot of him, when by a superhuman effort he rolled off to the beams between the track and side of the bridge. He was seriously injured.

To Censor "The Degenerates."

NEWARK, N. J., April 9.—Mrs. Langtry is not to be frozen out of Newark after all. Following the announcement that her play, "The Degenerates," would not appear, the city authorities announced they will censor the performance from a private box tomorrow night and stop it if they believe it immoral.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.

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BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Burned.

NEW YORK, April 9.—A fire, that started in the rear of a stable in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, early this morning, swept over four blocks, destroyed the buildings and property of six manufacturing concerns and caused a loss of about \$800,000. Six persons, asleep in the stable where it started, were taken out partly overcome by smoke. Fifty horses were also recovered from the building.

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THIRTY DISABLED VETERANS ARE MADE DEADLY SICK.

NEWARK, N. J., April 9.—A mysterious case of wholesale poisoning has developed in the New Jersey Home for Disabled Veterans in Kearny. It has leaked out that thirty of the inmates were suddenly stricken yesterday morning with violent retching and vomiting, followed, in many cases, by utter collapse. Only the hardest work by physicians saved the lives of several.

Refuse to Aid Strikers.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 9.—The 10,000 miners employed by the Berwin White Coal Mining Company, at Windber, in the Central Pennsylvania coal field, yesterday refused to aid in the strike movement which the miners, officials have been endeavoring to start in order to aid and support the striking miners in other parts of this field. A mass meeting was held at Windber, but only a few miners attended to it.

Suicided With a Shotgun.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., April 9.—Loring Cook, thirty-five years old, committed suicide yesterday evening at his home in the presence of his family. He stood in the doorway of his house, and discharged the contents of a double-barreled shotgun into his brain, inflicting a ghastly wound. His little daughter jumped over his body, which blocked the doorway, and went to the residence of Constable John R. Cook, and notified him of the occurrence.

Justice Bernard Returns.

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